

F6 Questions and Answers

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Questions for Clarification:

1. Q: § 4.2.2 The BAA states: A brief bibliography of relevant technical papers and research notes (published and unpublished) which document the technical ideas upon which the proposal is based. Copies of not more than three (3) relevant papers can be included in the submission. Will the evaluation team read the three included papers? Will they be a factor in source selection?

A: Included papers may be reviewed if they are cited in the main body of the proposal and are central to a technical issue.

2. Q: § 6.2.6 Publication Approval -- Will DARPA consider a waiver to publication review for Universities?

Suggest the fundamental research exception clause apply to this section as it does to § 6.2.7. Should this project develop beyond fundamental research (basic and applied research ordinarily published and shared broadly within the scientific community) with military or dual-use applications, the following apply . . .

A: No. Per the BAA, DARPA permission must be obtained before publishing any information or results on the program.

3. Q: Will DARPA allow foldouts on 11 x 17 paper? If so, how will they be counted against the 100 page count limit?

A: No. Per section 4.2.2, "All pages shall be printed on 8-1/2 by 11 inch paper."

4. Q: In what volume should contractual data be placed (Small Business Subcontracting plan, Limited Rights data, etc.)?

A: Contractual data should be placed in Volume II, the Cost Proposal.

5. Q: Since the industry day was my first exposure to the F6 Program, I am a little confused with the intent of this BAA. My impression at the industry day is that DARPA is requesting a full cost and technical proposal that includes the details of all three development phases and the demonstration phase of the program. In other words, details on the development and conops of the solution and a cost

estimate for the entire program. During my discussion with potential teaming partners, their impression from the BAA is that DARPA is only looking at cost and technical proposals for Phase I of the program. The BAA does not specifically explicitly state either interpretation. Any clarification would be appreciated.

A: The amended BAA clarifies the requirement for proposals to be submitted on only Phase 1 of the program. Only a Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) estimate of the cost of successive phases is required.

6. Q: Can the amendment be summarized or a version with changes from the original highlighted be made available?

A: There is no plan to perform such a task at this time. All proposals will be evaluated against the amended BAA available online.

7. Q: Is the 24/7 requirement for TT&C coverage from the ground node absolute?

A: Yes. As stated in the BAA, the ground node is part of a greater network and should be able to leverage path diversity and integrity of a typical terrestrial network.

8. Q: The BAA has detailed costing called out in several places. We intend to put all of our costing in the cost volume. Other sections will refer to the cost volume for costing data. Is this acceptable?

A: All detailed costing information should be placed in the Volume II Cost Proposal. Only costing summaries are requested in Volume I.